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Her Way.

There was an old darky in Virginia who lived happily with his wife and seemed to every one to be a model husband. A white man who appeared to enjoy less domestic bliss called upon the old fellow for the secret of his marital success.

"Since yo' aix me," returned the darky, "I'll tell yo' how Ah does it. Ah jes' let's hab hab hab own way an' ah hab hab way too!"

Bright Prospects.

We don't all look at questions of ethics in the same way. A young English traveler in Valencia became enamored of a gypsy girl, but told the mother that he was not rich enough to marry her. The mother laughed and said: "What! Not rich enough in the land of guineas? Why, with so accomplished a thief as my daughter you will be a millionaire in a twelvemonth."—London Chronicle.

Result of Training.

Train up a girl in the way she should go, and when she grows up she will not only jerk symphonies out of the kitchen stove, but she will lay aside the tail feathers of the turkey at Thanksgiving, save the wire from the baled hay, buy 10 cents' worth of ribbon and construct a bonnet that will make a forty dollar monstrosity look just a little bit like 30 cents.—Houston Post.

First Sumptuary Laws.

Laws regulating eating, drinking and dressing are almost as old as history itself. Nothing like exactness can be reached in the matter, but it is safe to say that it was in Egypt, as far back as 3000 B. C., that the first practical sumptuary statutes were passed. Among the Romans they first appeared in the celebrated "twelve tables." In modern times Charlemagne was the pioneer in sumptuary legislation.

Information Concerning Eighth Grade Final Examinations.

I. Dues:
Three examinations annually. Each county superintendent to select month for his county.

(a) January 21-22, 1909.
(b) May 11-12, 1909.
(c) June 10-11, 1909.
(d) September 2-3, 1909.

2. Program:
(a) Thursdays—Arithmetic, Writing, History, and Civil Government.

(b) Fridays—Grammar, Physiology, Geography, and Spelling.

3. Sources of Questions:

(a) Civil Government—United States Constitution.

(b) Geography—State Course of Study; Reday and Hinman's Natural School Geography.

(c) History—List of topics from History Outline in State Course of Study and Current Events.

(d) Language—Buehler's Modern English Grammar, no diagramming.

(e) Reading—The teacher will send to the County Superintendent the applicant's class standing in reading, which shall be taken by such superintendent as the applicant's standing on the subject.

(f) Spelling—Eighty per cent from Reed's Word Lessons, and twenty per cent from manuscript in Language.

(g) Writing—Specimens of penmanship as indicated in copied matter and from manuscript in Language.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. ACKERMAN,
Supt. Public Instruction.

The first Eighth Grade examination for the year 1909 will be held January 21-22.

Teachers preparing classes for this examination will please report to this office the number of applicants at least thirty days before above date.

Respectfully,
J. C. CONLEY,
Supt. of Schools.

JANUARY 1909

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Telephone First In Election News

Story of How Returns Were Gathered by New News-Gathering Agency.

With the presidential election two months past the excitement attending thereon has died away. But there are stories and anecdotes connected with the campaign that will not die for many years.

Many of these stories, and perhaps a majority, have to do with the getting of returns. Every instrument, every news getting agency and every being who is directly concerned in getting results on election day and night are kept on the qui vive. Press associations, newspaper correspondents, news tickers and every other news getting agency make supreme effort to be first in getting results before the public. The extent this competition reaches, the intensity of the rivalry and the means employed to get the results first are hard to believe to one who has not directly or indirectly been a participant.

In the presidential election of 1908 this rivalry was unprecedented. The utmost efforts were put forth and unusually large expenditures of money were made to score what in newspaper parlance are known as "heads." In the late campaign the plumb for the most efficient, feasible and satisfactory way of getting complete and authentic returns, went to an agency which a few years ago was considered impracticable and too expensive.

This agency was the telephone. Some years ago the telephone companies gave out their bulletins direct in the large cities. In the last election they gave them to the newspapers, who, in turn, gave them to the public over the telephone or on screens. In the large cities extra stations and lines were installed in newspaper offices without extra charge. The completeness and accuracy of the telephone companies' bulletins taken in conjunction with the smooth manner in which they handled the extra rush of business has prompted the various newspapers throughout the country, who enjoyed the benefit of the service, to give liberal credit to the telephone companies.

The Philadelphia Times, a new evening paper, in expressing its appreciation says: "This is the first time we have received anything without paying for it since we have been in business."

The Baltimore World says: "The telephone service was perfect and enabled us to put a more complete extra on the street by eight o'clock than ever before."

Although the bulletins of the telephone company were first at hand in nearly every instance, the accuracy of the reports was not sacrificed to obtain this result. In so far as possible every bulletin was rigidly censored. Wildcat guesses, prophecies based on heresy, etc., were eliminated. Consequently the bulletins had a real value.

Department heads and traffic officials of the telephone companies are elated at the highly successful outcome of the rigid test of their system. As a result of the work it performed, stacks of letters are carefully filed in executive offices complementary to the efficiency of the organizations.

Other tests the telephone has been subjected to would make interesting reading. For instance, during the pennant winning games at Detroit last fall the city was base-ball mad. During the last two weeks of the season the enthusiasm of the "fans" was bubbling over with every game. The climax was reached on the pennant winning Tuesday, however. The telephone exchanges were besieged with inquiries.

To prepare for the emergency the telephone companies organized bulletin signals whose only duties were to answer baseball inquiries. The large number of young ladies who comprised these squads handled in

some cases over 7000 calls an hour or in other words, some operators handled about seven calls a minute, although each one insisted they handled three times as many. One operator on that memorable day handled, by actual count, 21 calls a minute from an outside exchange, apparently without confusion. This was at the rate of 1200 an hour.

These are but two instances out of many that are happening day after day which prove that the telephone has become our most indispensable servant. It is becoming a necessity in every home and office, whether in town, city or country. It is keeping with progress at every stride.

These two instances also serve to indicate the increased number of purposes for which the telephone is used and also tends to show the dependence the general public places upon it.

But to get a definite idea of the growth in popularity of the telephone and the increase in the number in use, one should take note of the growth of the Western Electric company, the principal manufacturers of telephones and telephone supplies in this country. In 1902 telephones shipped by this company numbered one million and a quarter, in 1904 a million and a half, and in 1906 two million and a quarter, an increase in five years of a million telephones, or approximately over 80 per cent.

COPPERFIELD JUST NOW WIDE OPEN TOWN

The stories brought in from Copperfield, the town on Snake river, by persons arriving from there sound like the tales of many another new railroad and mining town in the heyday of their meteoric career.

It is related that it is a wideopen town. Hundreds of laborers on the Northern railway and Ox Bow construction make it their headquarters, especially when they get their time check and take a layoff. Then there is something doing. All the booz necessary can be had and that is about all they want. The shrewd "sport" is there also, ready and capable of separating the laborer from his coin and it is done in the most scientific way.

The gay siren is also on the ground, togged out with all her gay fluffed and cosmetic beauty. And in all, so report has it, Copperfield is the king pin of all the northwest towns. It is the quintessence of all that is loud and immoral, the place is setting a pace as hot as those of the infernal regions whence comes the metal for which the town has been appropriately named—Baker City Democrat.

Makes La Grande Busy.
From Evening Observer.

La Grande is becoming quite a railroad center. The branch road into Wallowa county has added greatly to our importance.

Everybody's Magazine

HAS GOT THIS MONTH

Two screaming stories by Ellis Parker Butler and Lindsay Denison, each racing to see which will bump your funny bone hardest.

One tragedy that will grip your heart.

And articles by Russell, Paine and Dickson that cut deep into things.

LOOK OUT FOR EVERYBODY'S THIS MONTH. THE CAT IS BACK
For Sale by Coleman Bros.

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